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REMARKS

By the present response all of the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, so that the application is understood to be in condition for allowance with allowed claims 31 and 32.

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)

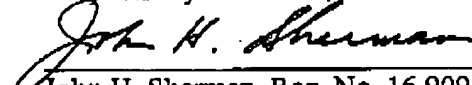
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and Remarks, a formal Notice of Allowance with respect to allowed claims 31 and 32 is courteously solicited.

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Enclosure: Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time